

# **Eastgate/I-90**

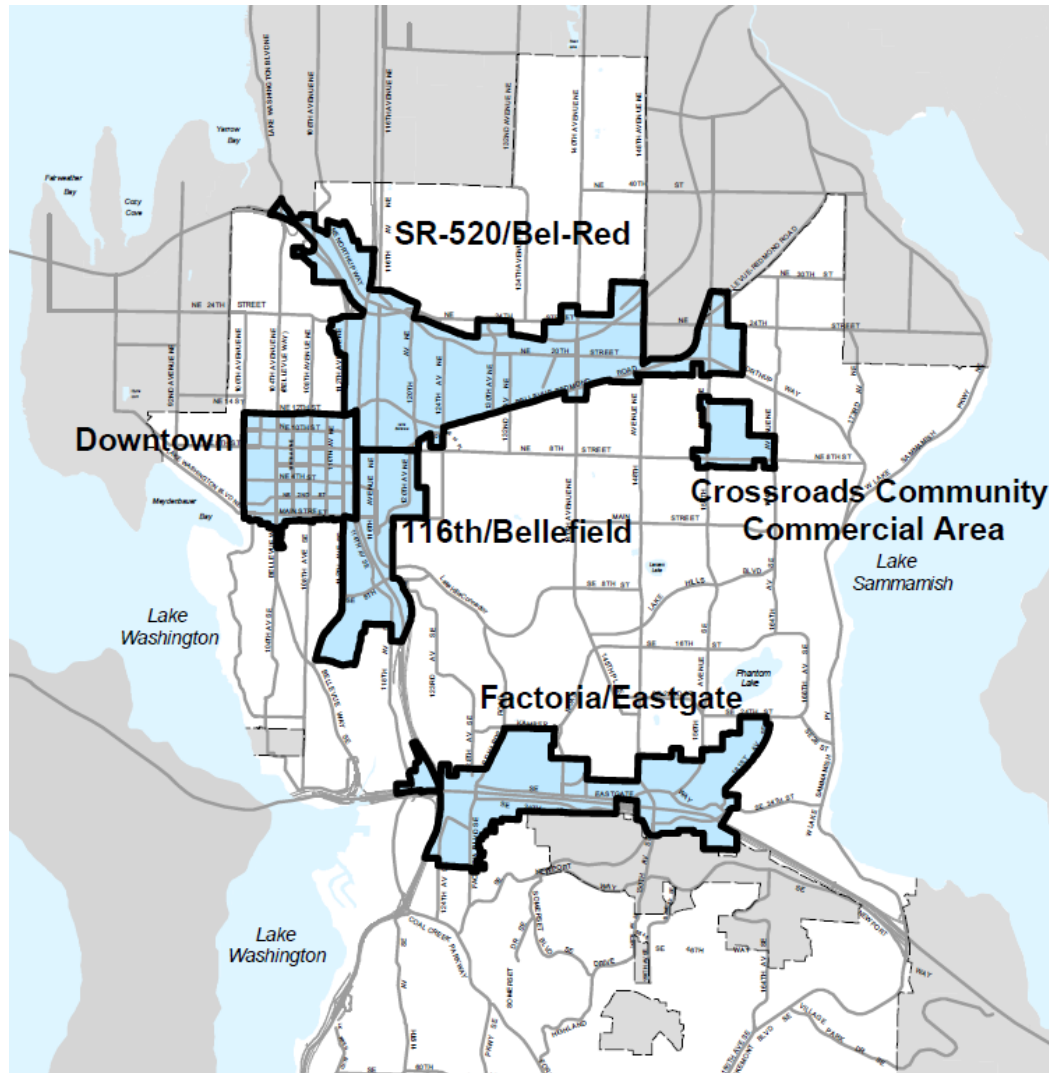
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## ***Parks & Community Services Board Meeting***

***May 11, 2010***

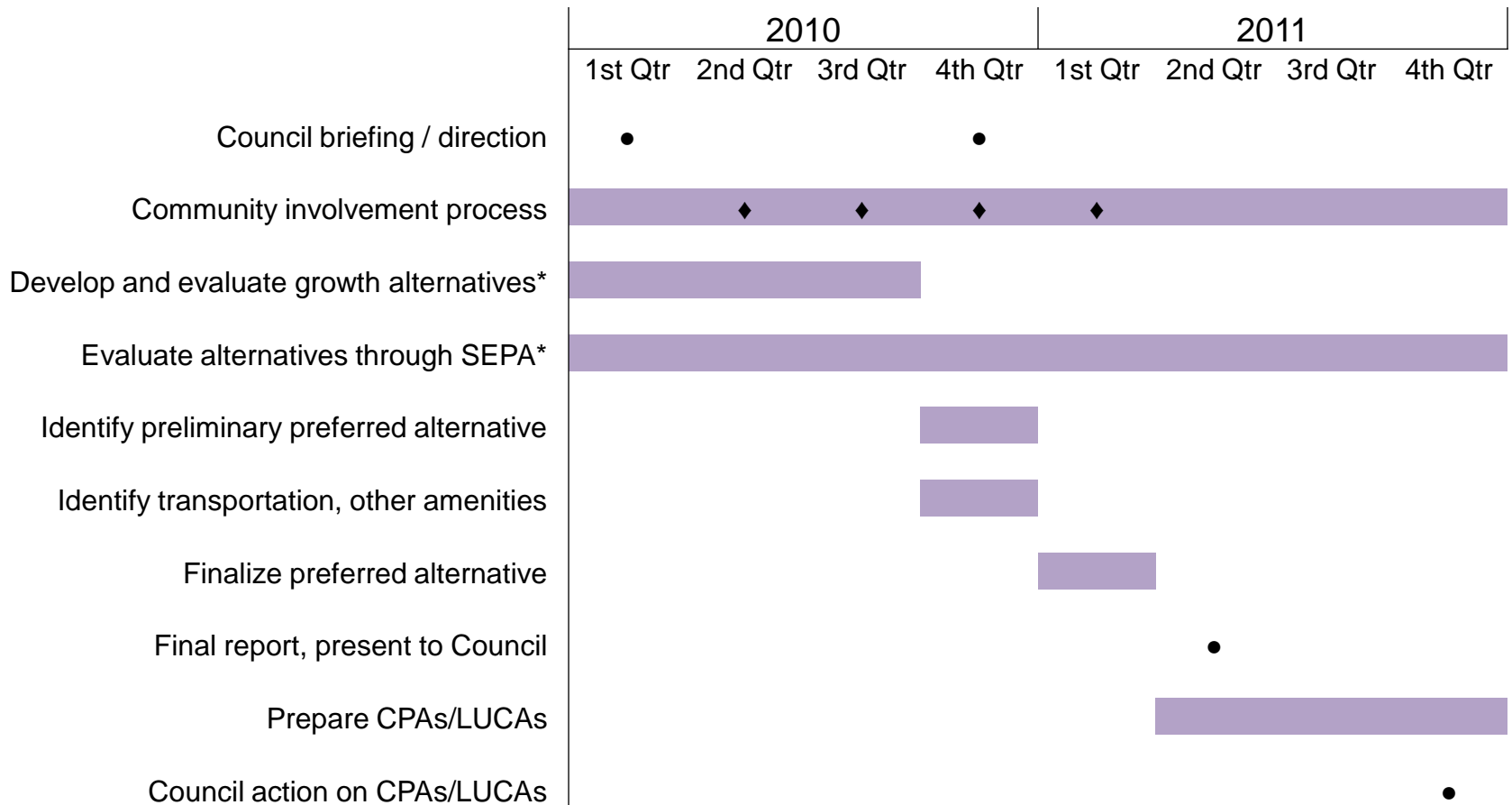


# *Project Overview*



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**Employment Centers**



\* SEPA process will be integrated with the development/evaluation of alternatives, as encouraged by the Washington State GMA

• Council interaction

◆ CAC involvement



1. Identify a preferred long-term **land use and transportation vision** for the Eastgate/I-90 corridor, to **enhance economic vitality** and provide for **neighborhood-oriented retail** uses.
2. Identify **multi-modal transportation improvements** for the area; prioritize **low cost/high impact** improvements
3. Promote a **stronger identity and urban design** image for this area; recognize its prominent location on the **Mountains to Sound Greenway**.
4. Support and plan for **Bellevue College**'s efforts to become a four-year institution.

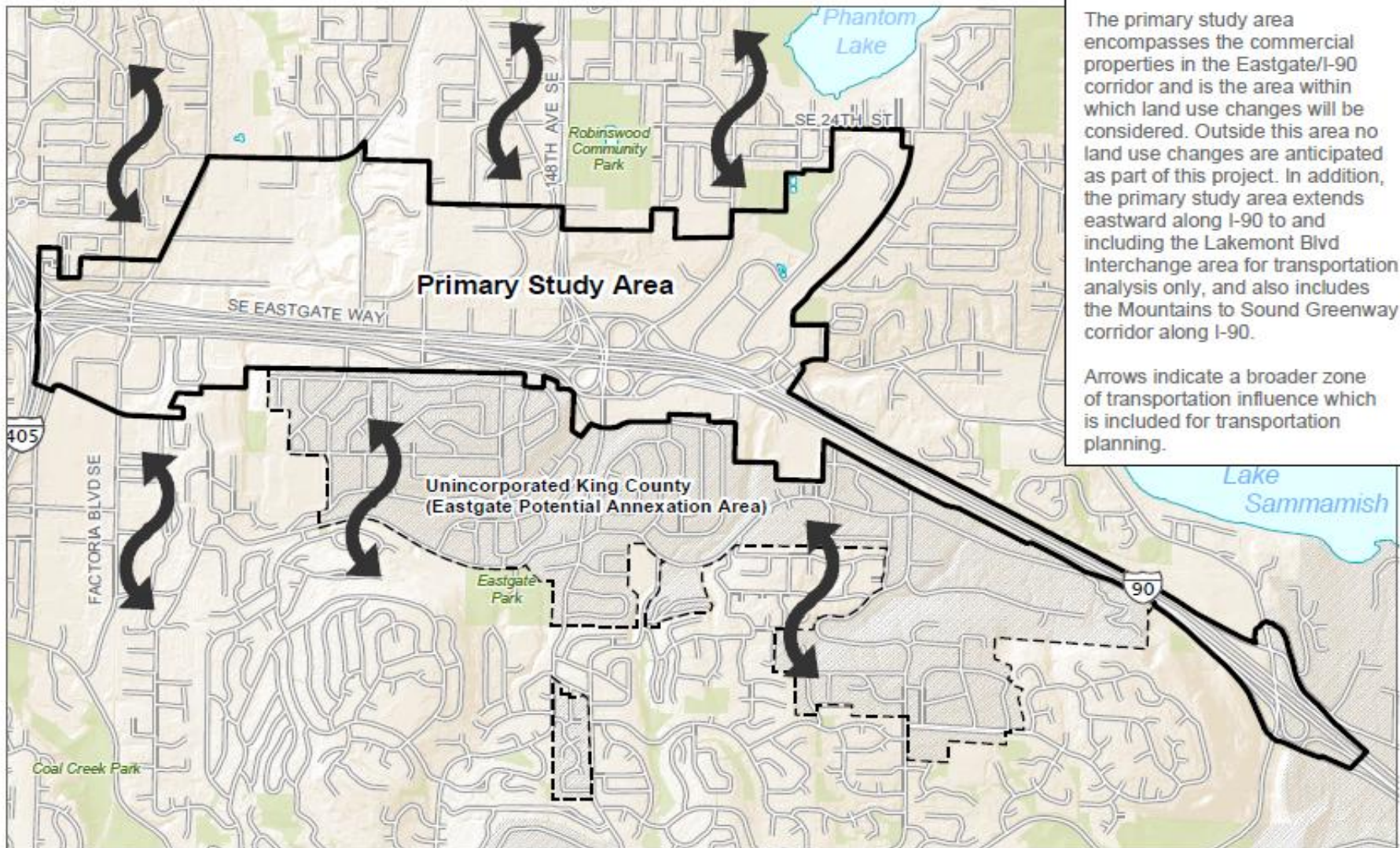
- 1. Holistic vs. piecemeal planning**
- 2. Erosion of neighborhood services**
- 3. Transportation “choke points”; achieve system efficiencies**
- 4. Lack of connectivity across corridor**
- 5. Mountains to Sound Greenway**
- 6. Coherent image**
- 7. Bellevue College evolution**
- 8. Opportunity for innovation**

1. **Principles** that will guide the advisory committee, staff, and commissions in their work.
2. **Scope of work** that will lead to the identification of a preferred long-term land use and transportation vision for the Eastgate/I-90 corridor
3. **Project map** that is: (i) clear about where land use changes may and may not be considered; and, (ii) includes the entire area that has key transportation relationships with the primary study area.
4. **Public involvement plan** that includes: (i) residents in the project area; (ii) residents along the affected transportation corridors; and, (iii) potential annexation area representatives.

***Overarching Principle: Recognize fiscal constraints in the ability to fund new infrastructure***

- 1. Enhance economic vitality & diversity**
- 2. Retain and enhance neighborhood-oriented services**
- 3. Improve linkages with Bellevue college**
- 4. Better integrate land use and transportation across Eastgate**
- 5. Evolve Eastgate's transportation infrastructure to high performing, multi-modal system**
- 6. Increase connectivity across the corridor**
- 7. Model environmental sustainability**
- 8. Improve the corridor's urban design quality and coherence**
- 9. Improve the performance of state facilities in the area**





The primary study area encompasses the commercial properties in the Eastgate/I-90 corridor and is the area within which land use changes will be considered. Outside this area no land use changes are anticipated as part of this project. In addition, the primary study area extends eastward along I-90 to and including the Lakemont Blvd Interchange area for transportation analysis only, and also includes the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor along I-90.

Arrows indicate a broader zone of transportation influence which is included for transportation planning.



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Scale bar: 0 to 2,000 feet

## Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project Map

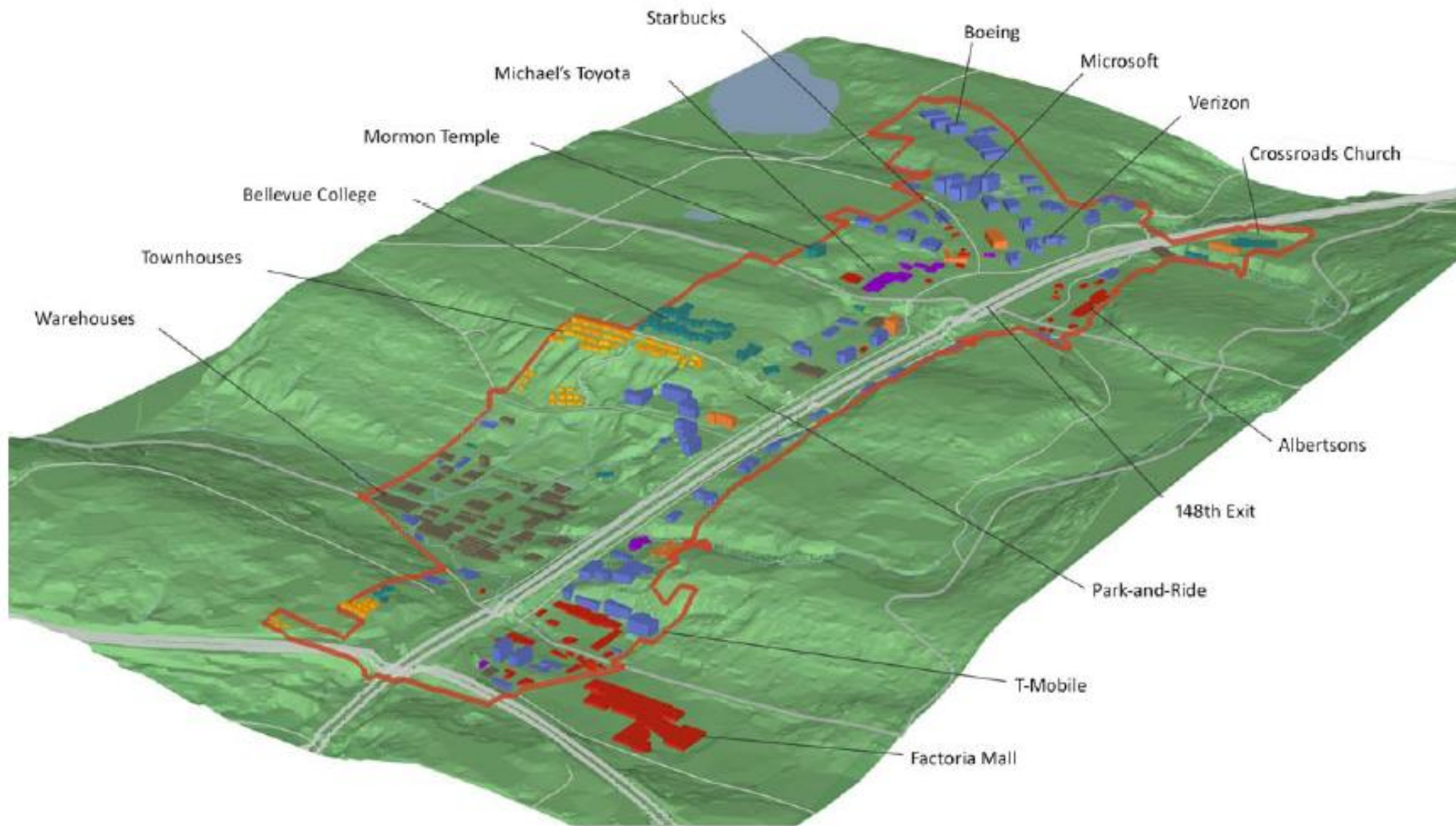
Approved by the Bellevue City Council on February 1, 2010

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# *Land Use Considerations*



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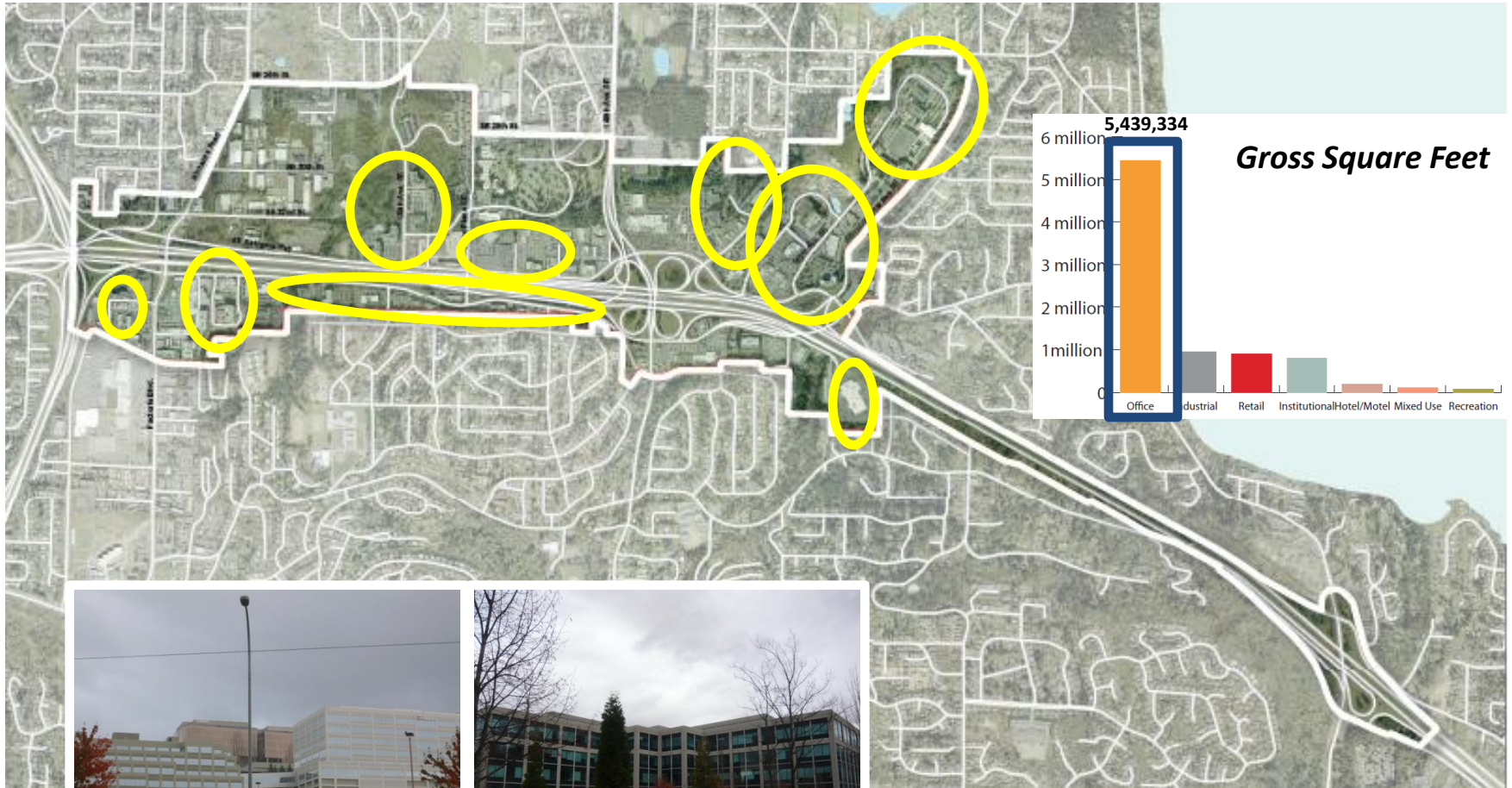
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## Area Overview









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**Office Concentrations**



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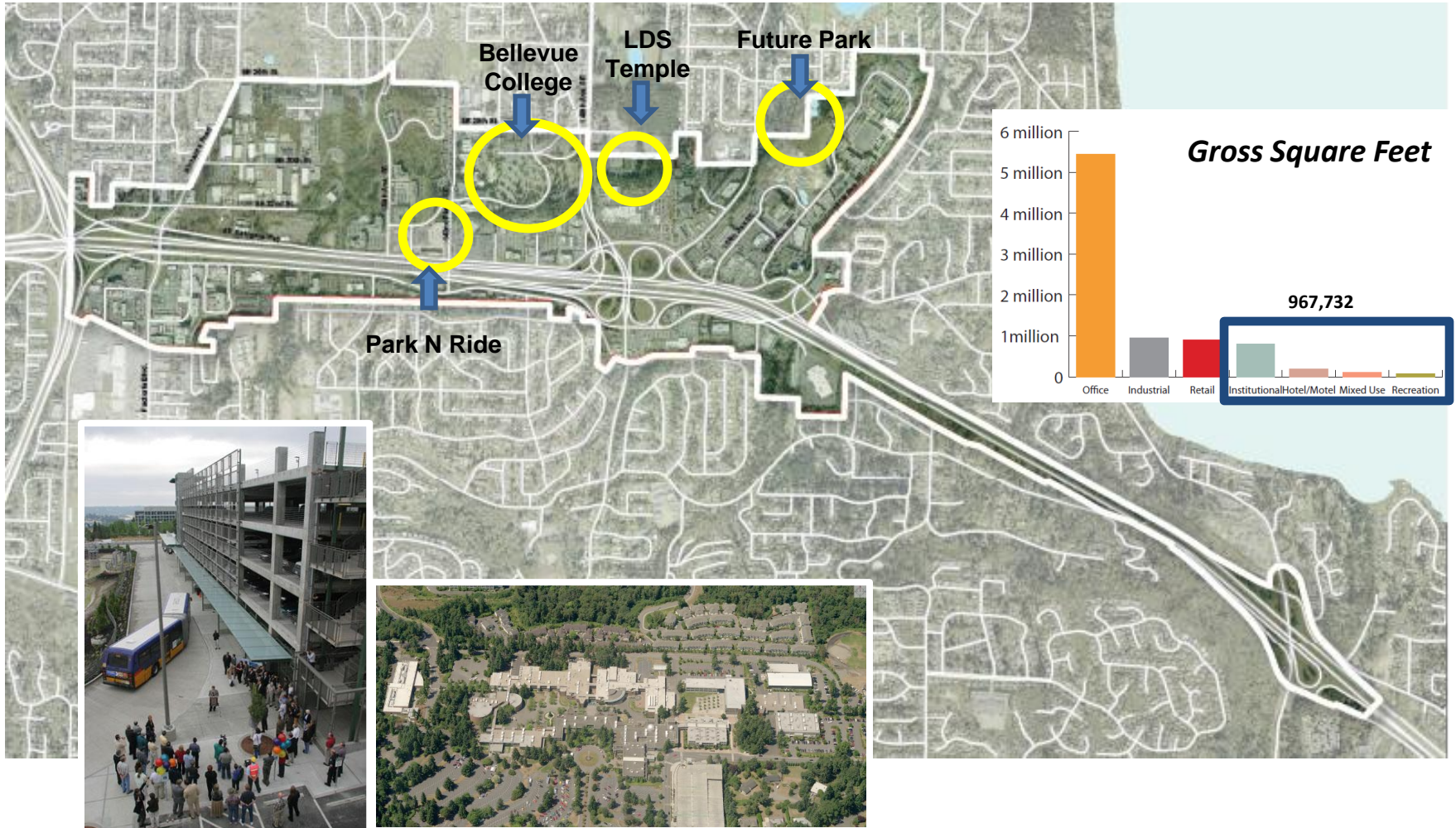
**Light Industrial Area**





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**Retail Nodes**

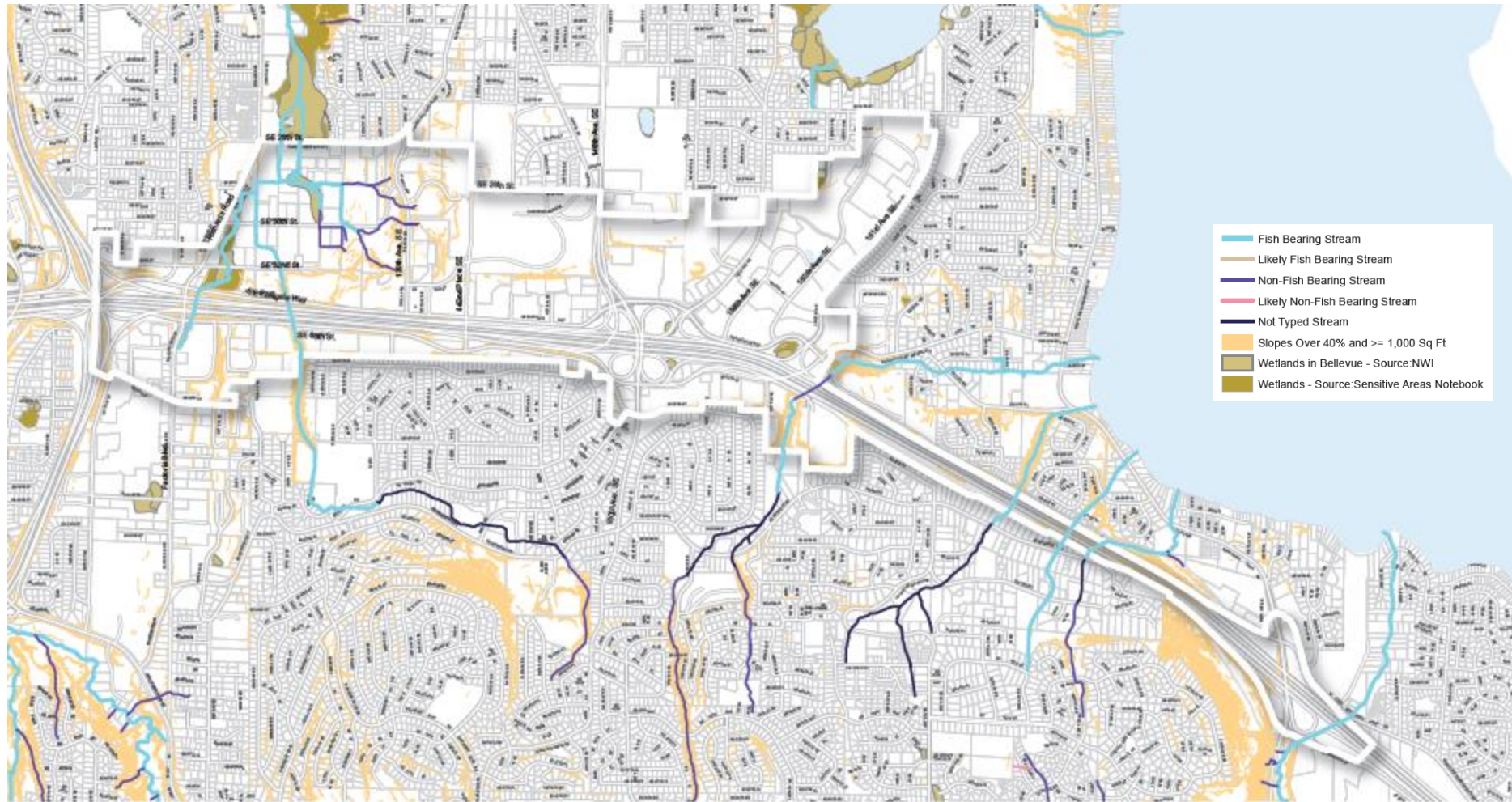


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## Other Notable Uses





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## Environmental Features





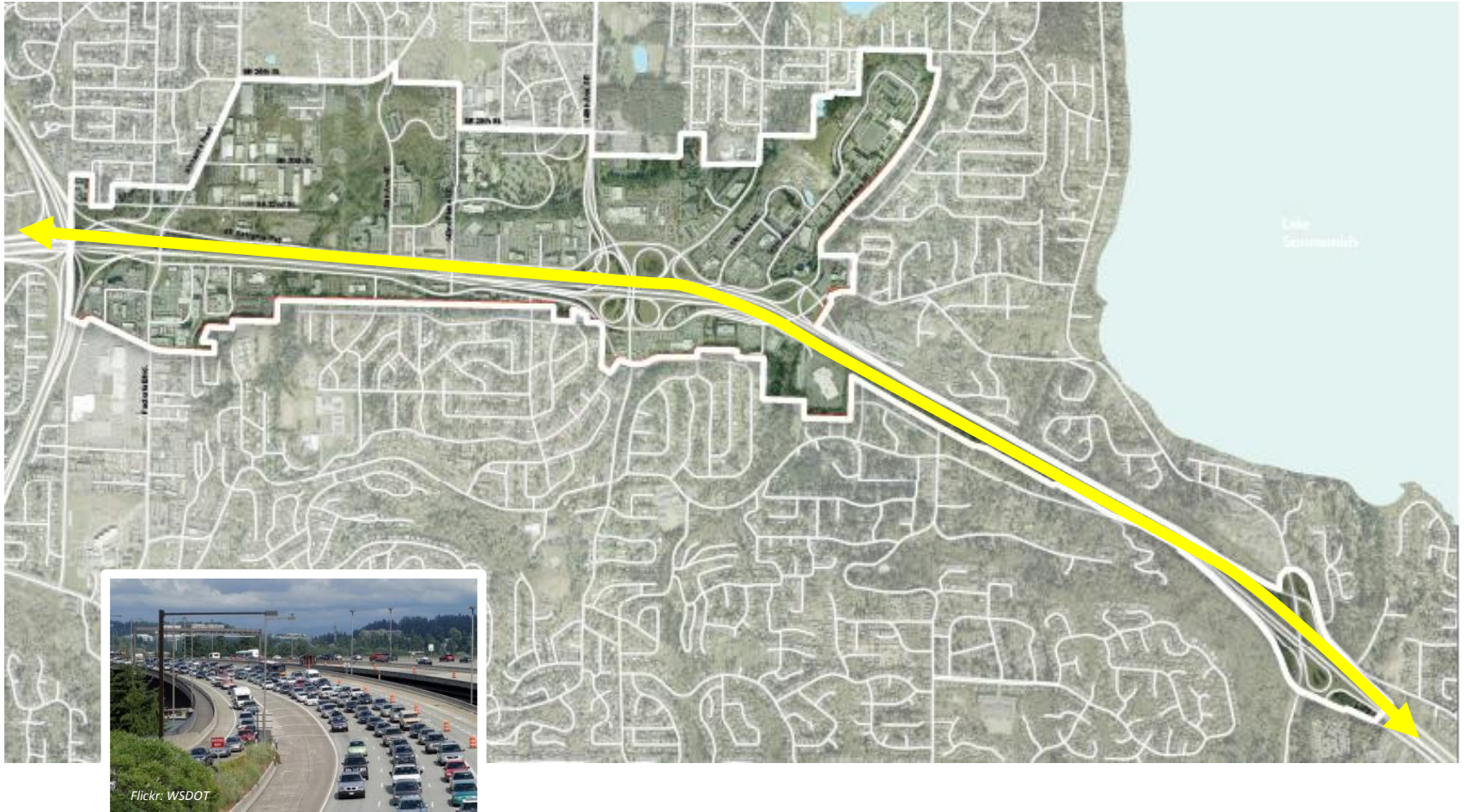


# *Transportation Considerations*



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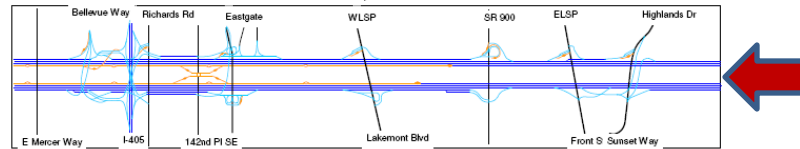
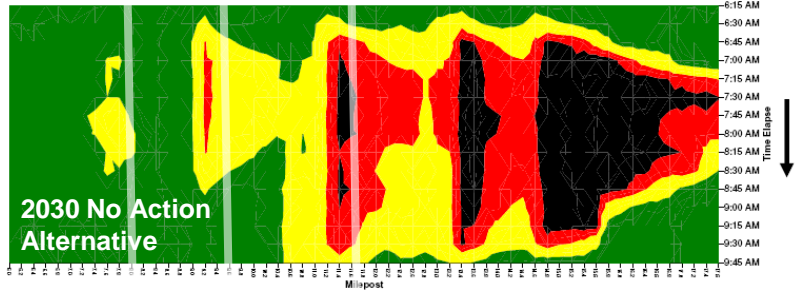
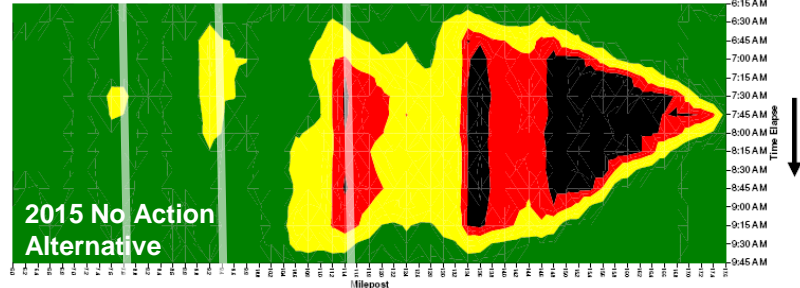
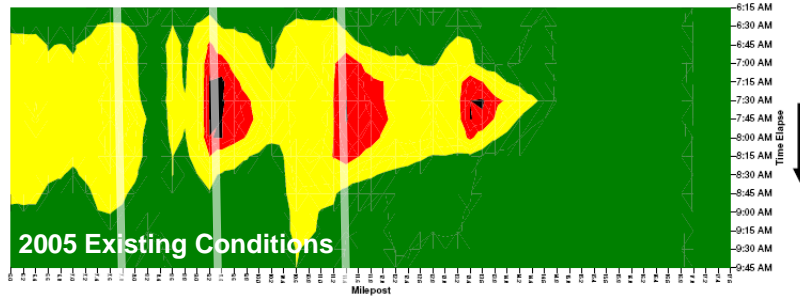
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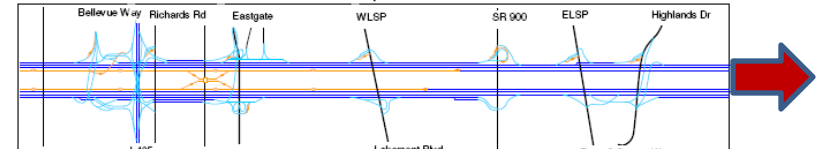
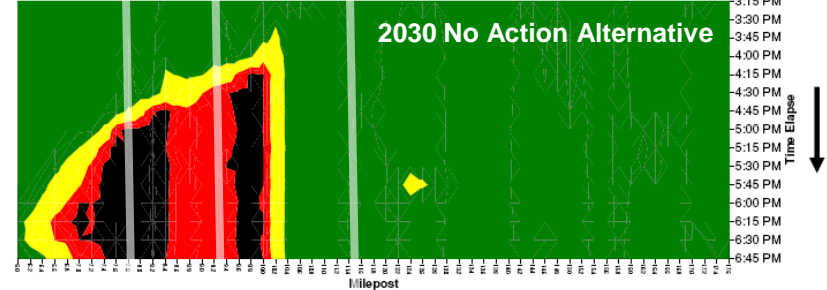
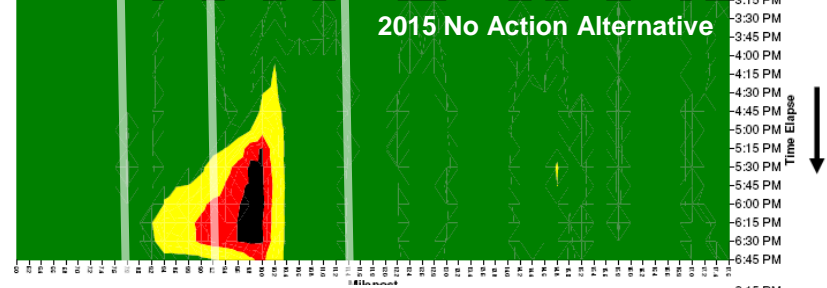
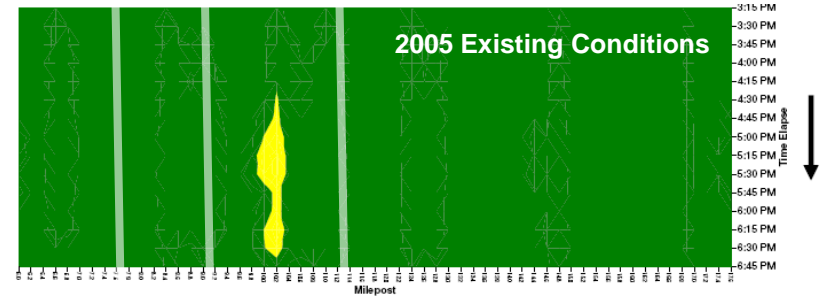


I-405 150<sup>th</sup> Ave Lakemont Blvd



Temporal Speed Profile, Westbound I-90, AM Peak Period, No Action 2005, 2015, and 2030

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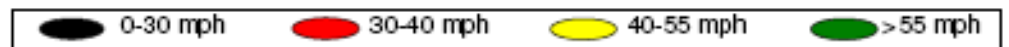


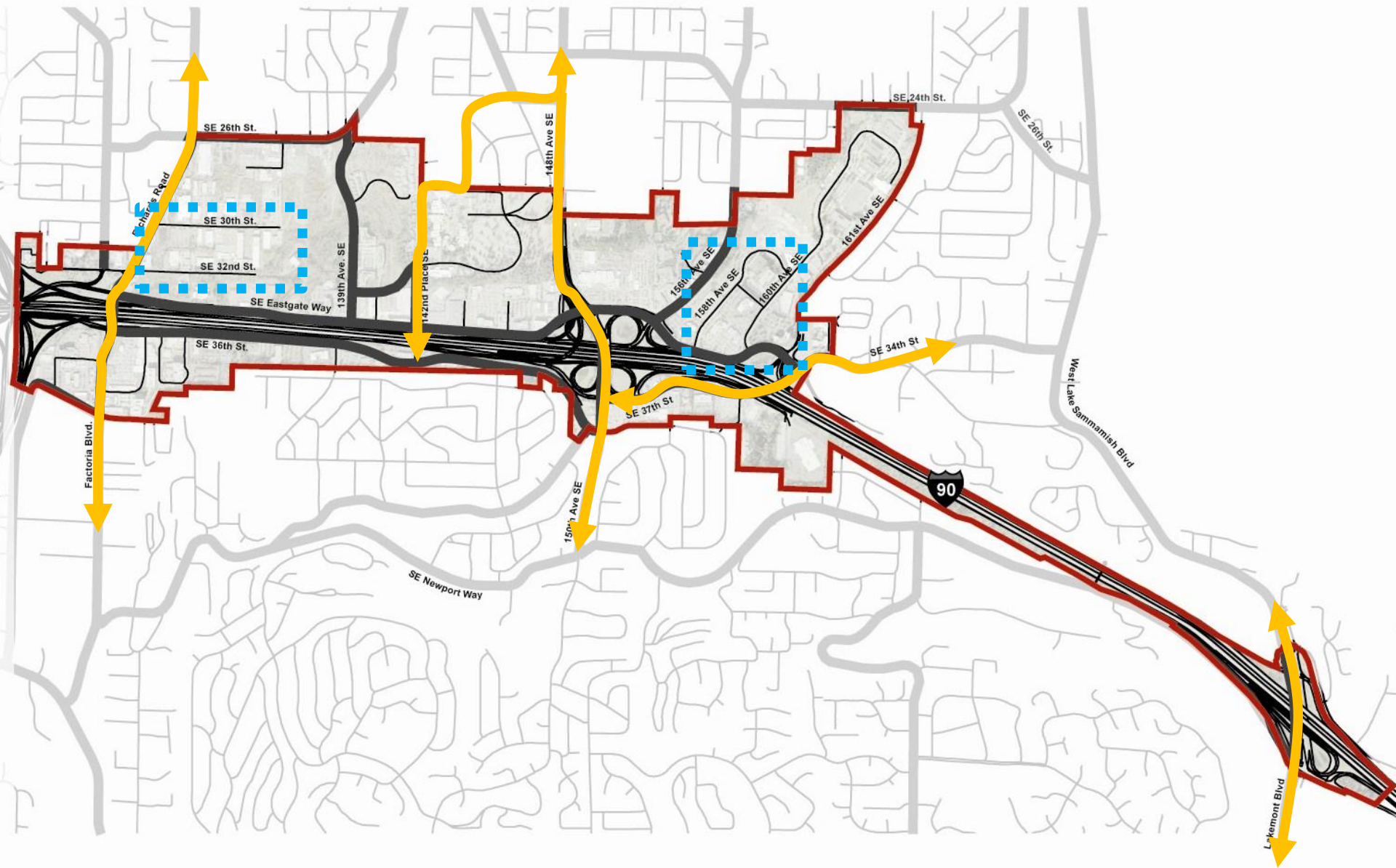
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## Interstate 90





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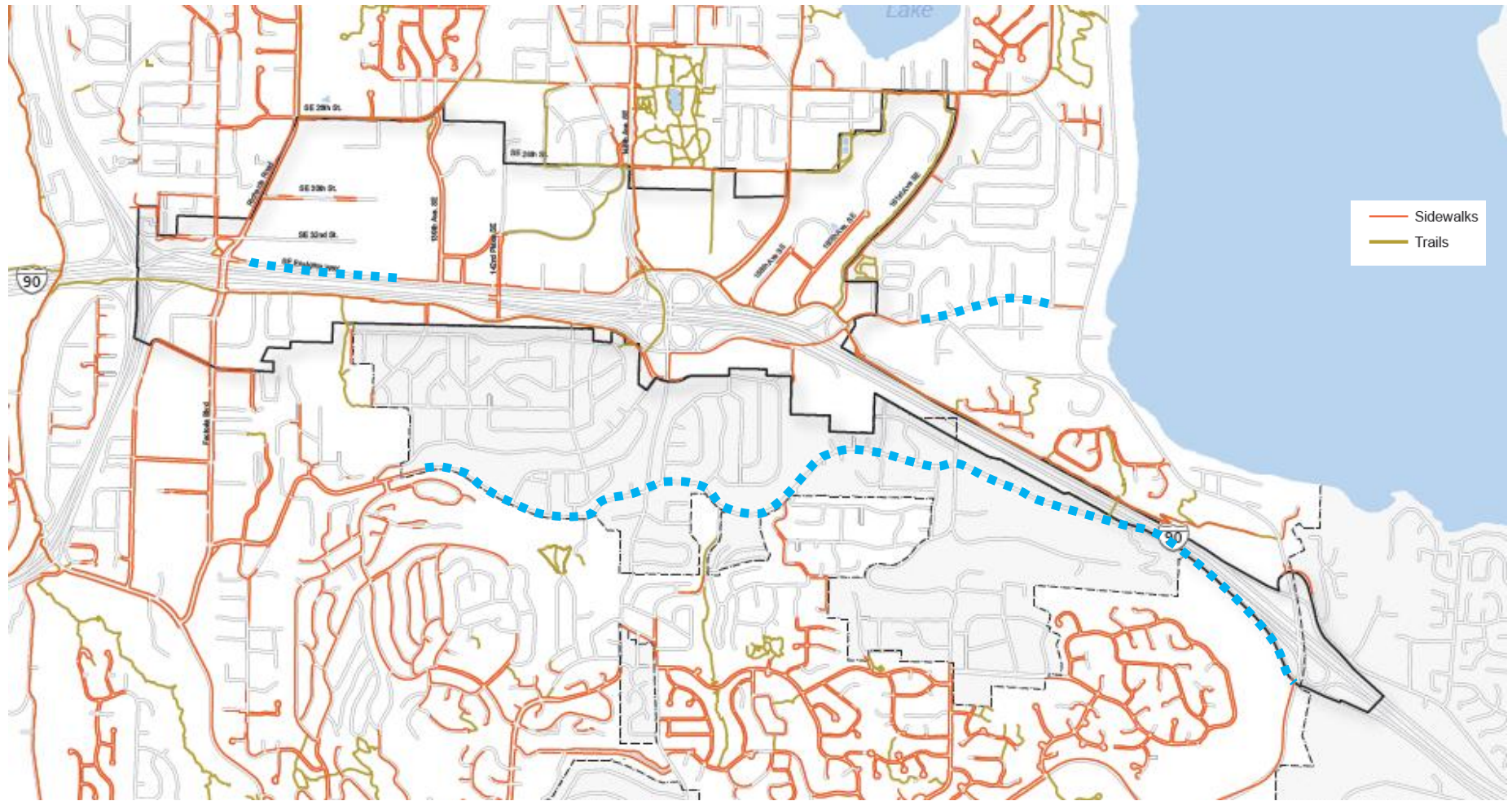
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## Street Connectivity



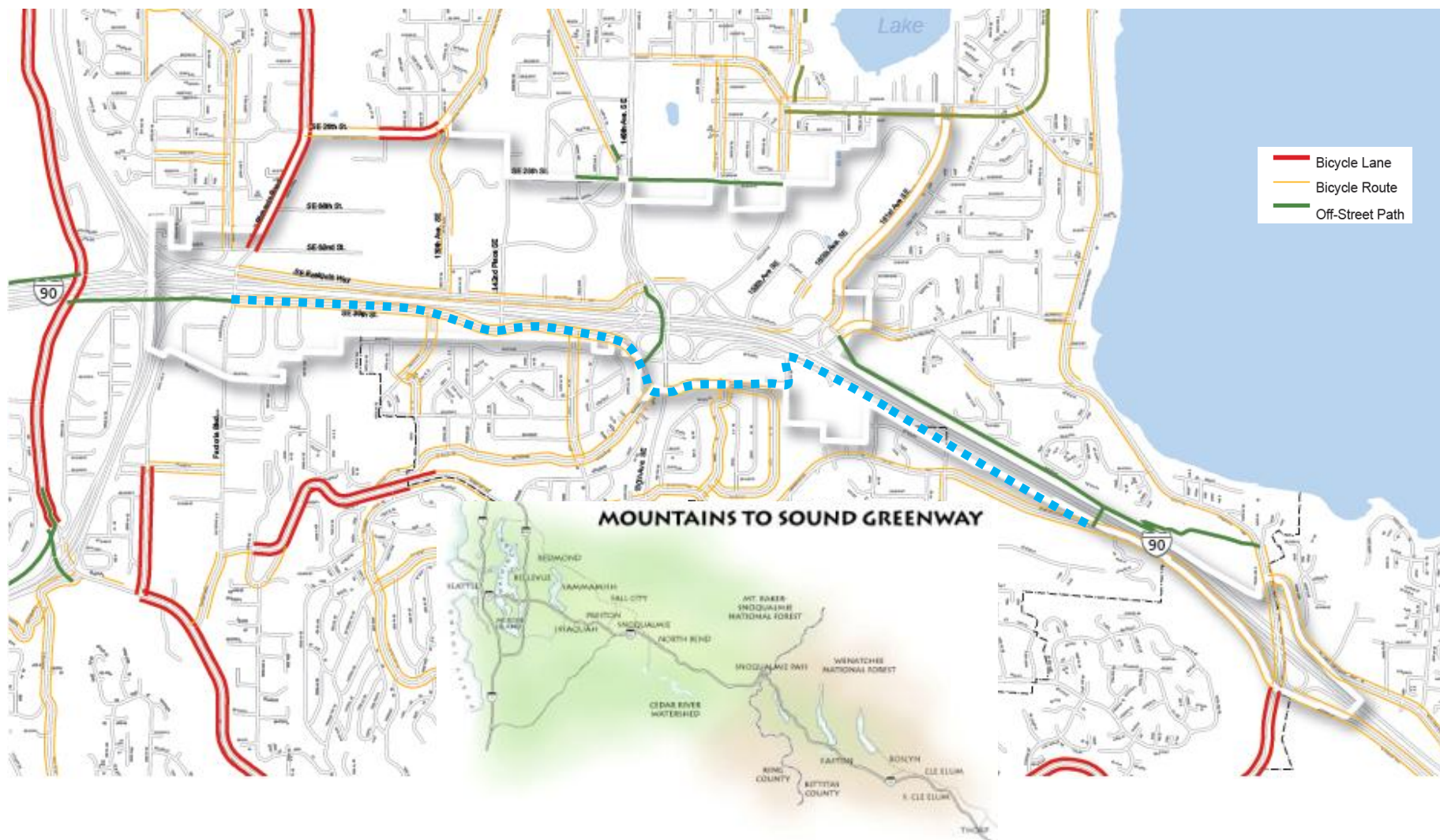
# Transit Ridership





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**Sidewalk & Trail Facilities**



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**Bicycle Facilities**





# *Public Opinions*



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# 1. Citizen Advisory Committee

- Board/Commission members, City-wide interests, stakeholders & owners, technical advisors
- Appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council in April

# 2. Community Open Houses

# 3. Stakeholder panels

# 4. Media

# 5. Mailings

# 6. Other measures as appropriate



## Freeway access

1. “**Convenient access** to Seattle, the mountains, SeaTac, and downtown Bellevue.”
2. “**Close to everything** -- 20 min. to Seattle -- 20 min to the airport. That is if it is not rush hour.”

## Shopping Choices

1. “**Factoria's shopping and theater** opportunities. While my car is being serviced at Toyota I can walk my dog at the Boeing Airfield open space or have a latte at **Starbucks or Tully's**.”
2. “**Easy access to neighborhood shopping and dining**. Also, business centers providing jobs nearby.”

## Nice Neighborhoods

1. “I like the combination of **being 'away'** from the big city and yet have easy access to the big city.”
2. “My **neighborhood seems quiet**, and far away, but in fact is so close to everything.”



A word cloud visualization of survey responses. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with the size of each word indicating its frequency. The most prominent words are 'Freeway Access', 'Shopping Choices', 'Proximity To Home', 'Parks', 'Access To Everything', 'Access To Seattle', 'Nice Neighborhoods', 'Access To Bellevue', 'Park And Ride', 'Quiet', 'Privacy', 'Total Satisfaction', 'Access To Mountains', 'School System', and 'Bellevue College'.

Created using <http://wordle.net/> from the full text of the responses to the on-line questionnaire. Words are scaled in size based on their frequency of occurrence in the text.

**What do you like  
most about the  
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## Traffic congestion

1. “Even though we like the freeway access, we **don't like the noise spillover** from the freeway.”
2. “Heavy traffic on residential streets, **car environment**, and that there is not a more **walkable, center business and retail core**.”

## Shopping Choices

1. “I don't shop at the stores in Eastgate as often as I would like because current vendors are **dated and don't sell things family needs**.”
2. “With as much employment in the area, there should be a better look at what is really needed in the area so that people don't have to **drive during lunch**, as an example.”

## Transportation Alternatives

1. “Would like to walk and bike and use the bus to get places, but **cars are the only practical choice right now**.”
2. “**Not enough transit service** in the surrounding neighborhoods (the Park & Ride is great, but good luck getting over there).”



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**What do you like  
least about the  
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## *Supportive of Growth*

1. **“Allow further commercial development** in the Eastgate area in order to bring employment opportunities and in turn the **development of a more dynamic retail area.”**
2. **“Increase building heights** and create a **more urban friendly environment.”**
3. **“This area needs nice big businesses along 36th for higher density business that will provide more jobs.”**

## *Opposed to Growth*

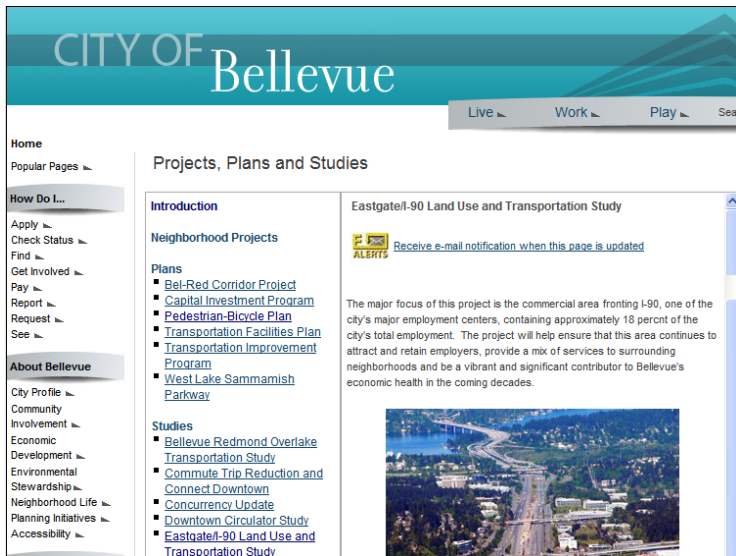
1. **“I'm concerned that there will be more growth of business that will put further stress on local/residential streets.”**
2. **“I'm not in favor of more intensive development** such as the Microsoft buildings. Consideration should be given to overall traffic flow, keeping in mind **this is both an interchange area and a residential area.”**
3. **“Don't change zoning.** Don't want a bunch of skyscrapers or large commercial buildings that **will increase traffic, overwhelm this neighborhood setting.”**



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**Stakeholder Interviews**

[www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm)



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